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ATLANTA.

Thursday Morning, July 16, 1874.

BREVITIES.

—Gold closed in New York at 95 1/2.

—Cotton closed in New York at 17 1/2; in Liverpool 85 1/2.

—It is probable that the weather to-day will be partly cloudy, with local rains.

—The total assessed valuation of New York City for 1874, (real and personal) is \$81,547,965.

—A writ of error has been lodged on behalf of the claimant to the Tichenor estate, with a view to a new trial.

—In 1872 Paris had 3,182 lunatics. Now the number in asylums is 6,233. Increase attributable to politics.

—Let Mrs. Stowe, who found the loop to hang Lord Byron's guilt on, now try her hand and vindicate the fame of Lady Tilton.

—Melanie McManis recently tripped in her long skirts at Versailles, and severely bruised her head against a marble pillar.

—Ex-Governor Warmoth has left New Orleans for New York city, where, it is announced, he intends to make his "temporary residence."

—You must not flit with the girls if you expect to use your own sword; a standing order to the university crews at Saratoga.

—It is just 133 years since professional ballet ladies were first seen on the Paris stage. Till then ballet girls were men, masked as women.

—The Mobile Register thinks it highly probable that Chancellor Adam Felder will be the Radical candidate for Governor at the next election in Alabama.

—Belgium is the greatest lace manufacturing country. In five of her towns and cities there are 150,000 women, girls and boys engaged in the production.

—Judge Critcher, General Beale, and General Fitzhugh Lee, will probably have friends in the Congressional district convention from King George county, Virginia.

—A district schoolmaster in one of the upper counties of Michigan, was asked what algebra he preferred, and he replied: "Oh, I ain't particular—just any kind that will just peel the hide when you strike."

—You ought to acquire the faculty of being at home in any society," said a fashionable aunt to an honest nephew, "I manage that easily enough," replied the nephew, "by staying at home with my wife and children."

—At the present time Russia furnishes all the platinum used in the world. The annual production does not exceed four thousand pounds, and often falls much below that amount. It is worth \$8 to \$9 per pound.

—We find the following item in an Illinois paper: "Mr. —, who has been in retirement for a few weeks, after marrying and burying three sisters, came up smiling to the altar again yesterday, having begun on the third family."

—Espartero, the veteran Spanish statesman, was lately visited at Logrono by an English newspaper correspondent. He is eighty-two years old, but well and hearty, and much beloved by the people of Logrono, and with good reason, for he and his wife are indefatigable in acts of kindness and charity.

—England is importing hay from this country, not for feeding purposes, however, but for paper stock. "Coarse slough hay" in large quantities has been ordered from Chicago by English paper makers, and the first cargo is now being shipped from that city. It is prairie grass, and is intended to supersede the Bay of Agnes, the supply of which from Spain has been to a great extent cut off by the internal troubles in that country.

—Certain Vermont rum sellers have established their saloons on the Canadian line, the back part, with the liquors, being in her majesty's dominions, and the customers' room in the land of the free and the home of the brave. When a thirsty soul comes in the barkeeper places the decanter and glasses on that portion of the bar which is under the protection of the British lion, and then the imbibers resort to the ardent into this country, smiles blandly at the impotent prohibitory officials, takes a swig, passes over the change, the liquor is exported to Canada again, and everything is lovely.

—At the foot of the Rocky Mountains, just within the Canadian Dominion, there has been established a "cattle ranch" paradise, which already numbers a population of 500 men, besides some women and children. These people are fugitives from our United States justice. They spend their time in illicit distilling and barter the product with Indians for furs. It has been expected that a collision would occur between a Canadian police expedition and these outlaws about July 4. The expedition was to consist of 200 mounted policemen, commanded by a military man, and the result will be awaited with interest.

—Over Macon letters that the old patriarch, Dr. Lovick Pierce, is in attendance upon the annual commencement exercises of the Wesleyan Female College, having been absent from them but once in fifty years.

—A CORRESPONDENT of the Augusta Chronicle suggests Major Joseph B. Cumming as a suitable candidate for congressional honors. The Chronicle editorially commends him: "An able lawyer, a good citizen, a devoted Democrat—brave in battle, sagacious in council; of unsullied public and private character. Should he be nominated and elected the South will have in the next Congress no truer nor more gifted son."

—After twenty-six years' absence, John Mitchell goes back to Ireland to become a candidate for the British Parliament. Mr. Mitchell was tried in Dublin, and sentenced to penal servitude, for treasonable conduct in the revolutionary agitation of '48. He escaped from Australia in 1854, and has since had a varied experience as a journalist in this country. This great popular leader and brilliant writer is still a convict in the eyes of the British law; but in view of the amnesty granted to the other participants in the '48 movement, it is not thought that any attempt will be made to interfere with his freedom of action. A member of his party will retire in order to secure Mr. Mitchell's immediate election. The leader of the "Young Ireland party" of '48 is nearly sixty years old now, but his views have not changed with advancing years. He expects to enter Parliament as a home ruler, and when he gets there we shall certainly hear from him.

Death of Gov. Caldwell.

Our North Carolina exchanges contain accounts of the death of Governor Caldwell, at Hillsboro, on Saturday evening last. His death was caused by an affection of the kidneys, and his last illness only lasted three days. He was a native of Morganton, Burke county, North Carolina, and long before the war was considered a lawyer of prominence. Entering public life in 1848 as a member of the House of Commons from Burke, he represented his county in the Senate in 1850, and has been in political life without much cessation since that time. At the close of the war the deceased identified himself with the Republican party, and was elected Lieutenant Governor, in 1868, on the ticket headed by the notorious Holden. He became Governor after Holden's impeachment, and in 1872, was elected over the present United States Senator Merrimon, by 1,889 majority, after one of the most exciting and hotly contested elections ever held in the State. His term expires on the first day of January, 1877.

Gov. Caldwell won his election in 1872 to his unimpeachable record as a man and his incontestable official life. While the Democratic papers found him a strong antagonist, yet all admit his purity and thorough honesty. He was an out-and-out Radical, but an honest man, and for that reason, if nothing more, the people of North Carolina regret his death. The Executive mantle now falls upon Curtis H. Brogden, who is a Radical, and a politician of long experience. The Charlotte Observer significantly says: "We think Gov. Caldwell's death is a very unfortunate loss for the State, but we are always among those who hope for the best."

Gov. Brogden is, however, without much real power. The Legislature is Democratic, although it was chosen at the same time that Brogden was elected Lieutenant Governor. This inconsistency is easily accounted for. The negroes are heavily massed in the lowland counties near the coast. The heavy majorities of these counties, whether honestly cast or not, overcome the lesser majorities of the far more numerous counties in the central and western parts of the State. The Radicals therefore elect their general ticket, but meet defeat in the districts over which he votes were not judiciously spread. North Carolina will never be under the control of Radicalism in the legislative branch, and the next election will doubtless upset its baleful power in the Executive department.

The Freedmen and Their Bank.

Some of the Savannah victims of the Radical politicians who run the Freedmen's Bank to the ground, concluded that it were better to sue out writs of attachment against property that they could seize, than to rely on the promises of ninety-three cents in the dollar, or on any promise to pay at a future time. The little red flag was, therefore, hung out on Monday last from the Savannah branch, which stole for the Washington conspirators no less than \$123,000 from the ignorant Samboes and Dinahs; and the safes, desks, chairs and other office property were knocked down to the highest bidder.

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KIDNAPPING.

Heardless Abduction of a Child.—A Ransom of \$20,000 Asked.—No Clue to Identity or Whereabouts of the Blackmailer.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12, 1874.

On July 1, as two little boys were playing in Washington lane at Germantown, two men approached them in a carriage and invited them out to ride. No one save the children and the men was near at the time. For several days previous these same two men had approached the boys in different ways, and having, during these conversations, given them candies, toys, &c., the little ones expected them before they arrived on the day mentioned above, and readily consented to get into the carriage. After having driven for some distance the oldest one of the two little ones was asked to get out of the carriage and buy a package of fireworks. Boylike, he most willingly complied. No sooner had he disappeared in the store than the two men called the child and made away with the little four-year-old, whose name is CHARLES BREWSTER ROSS, and who has never since been seen by those who knew him.

The father, after searching everywhere in the neighborhood, came to the police office, where upon his arrival your correspondent learned the above. The police, under the direction of Chief of Police Heins, made the most searching search everywhere. They continued their operations unceasingly day and night, and were determined to find the child, but turned out to be a mere waste of time and labor to no purpose for three days. They failed for three nights to find him. After this the following advertisement appeared in all the newspapers:

\$300 REWARD WILL BE PAID TO THE PERSON WHO SHALL PRODUCE TO NO. 5 NORTH SIXTH STREET, A SMALL BOY, FOUR YEARS OLD, HAVING LONG, CURLY, FAIR HAIR, BROWN, CLEARLY MARKED EYES; FOUND DRESSED IN A BROWN LINEN SUIT WITH SHORT SKIRT, BROAD-BRIMMED STRAW HAT, AND SHOES. THE CHILD WAS MADE AWAY WITH ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (last night), between four and five o'clock.

This advertisement, too, met with no response, and on Monday, July 6, another was inserted in the Public Ledger. The next morning in the Pennsylvania Post, in this same journal, appeared the following:

ROSS—WE BE READY TO NEGOTIATE.

On the same day the father, Mr. Ross, received an anonymous letter through the Post-office, in which it was stated that little Charles would be returned to him for \$20,000. It also went on to say that the boy was in good hands; that he had not been hurt, and that he could not think of returning him for less than \$20,000.

The father returned the following answer through the Post-office:

ROSS WILL COME TO TERMS TO THE EXTENT OF HIS ABILITY.

Another anonymous letter at once was received by Mr. Ross, stating that the parties who had written the first letter, with it for a smaller sum than the one already named. Now mark how a father's love rises above all considerations of money, and how he is ready to sacrifice the amount necessary to regain his dear one; but he answered the villains through the post-office thus:

ROSS IS WILLING; HAVE NOT GOT TO DO; AM DOING MY BEST TO RAISE IT.

Thus the matter stands. Detectives have watched the Ledger Building, and the Post-office day and night; but so far, no clue to the kidnappers work that no clear whatever seems to have been obtained. The child was last seen on Monday, and it is doubtful whether, during this time, any of the members of the party could be traced. They have had an hour of unbroken rest.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

Are somewhat remarkable throughout. For five days previous to July 1—the day on which the child was kidnapped—the same men were seen around the neighborhood, and each day approached the two children and conversed with them. It is presumed that they had made off with the youngest, little Charles Ross, several days before the first instant, but at each instant they returned to some one passing along the lane. During a conversation with the father I asked him whether he had any enemies, who would harm him a grudge, and he replied that he had none, and he was not likely to take revenge in such a way. The father replied that he was unaware that there was any one in the world who would harm him or his children.

The name of the father is Mr. Christian K. Ross, of the firm of Ross, Shott & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers on Market street. He is a native of Ireland, and during the panic, and hence Mr. Ross is unable to pay at once the sum demanded by the kidnappers. He is a Presbyterian, and he is not obliged to do so, but that it will be the kidnappers who will be obliged to pay the penalty worthy of their inhumanity.

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